

HOUSE No. 3864

By Mr. Cusack of Arlington, petition of John F. Cusack that provision be made for continuity of care for recipients of public assistance. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section Six of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following sentence in paragraph two:
3 The department shall not make any determination or take any
4 action that affects the continuing care or relocation of any public
5 assistance recipient admitted to any hospital licensed by the
6 department of public health as a chronic disease and/or rehabilita-
7 tion hospital and any hospital maintained by the commonwealth
8 providing such care, unless services medically required by the
9 recipient are, in fact, usually provided to public assistance recip-
10 ients admitted to non-hospital facilities, within a twenty-five mile
11 radius of the domicile of any individual recipient or his family.
12 Determinations as to the medical necessity of patient care, pursu-
13 ant to this section shall only be made by the hospital's utilization
14 review committee, and may only be subject to review by such peer
15 review and professional standards review organizations as are
16 established from time to time under the Social Security Act, 42
17 U.S.C. §§1395, et seq.

